

Genesis 32:22-32

Jacob – Fight for Life

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ISRAEL = Fight with God

Book:

- Is the inheritance of a land, people and a blessing still possible?
- Was Jacob being wise or doubting God?
- Whose grace and favour is Jacob seeking?

Look:

- Is this a man, angel or God?

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Hosea 12:3-4

**3 In the womb he grasped his brother's heel;
as a man he struggled with God.**

**4 He struggled with the angel and overcame him;
he wept and begged for his favor.**

**He found him at Bethel
and talked with him there—**

“...by divulging his name, Jacob also discloses his character. It is here a confession of guilt; as Jeremiah puts it, “Every brother Jacobs [is a deceiver]” (Jer 9:4)...

...But instead of merely blessing him, his opponent changes Jacob’s name, thus announcing Jacob’s new character and destiny...”

**26 Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”
But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”**

27 The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered.

28 Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

**29 Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”
But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.**

Took:

- **What battle has been won for us?**
- **What battle do we now face?**